

Memorandum

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TO : Director of Training ~~EYES ONLY~~

DATE: 8 November 1965

FROM : Chief, School of International Communism

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 24
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We have discussed at some length the prospects which programmed instruction might offer in the Communism area. There seems to be no doubt that -- as [REDACTED] quoted you as saying -- "Some parts are stable enough" to be programmed. There is a body of solid, agreed-upon fact which is basic to our instruction. However, it is difficult to visualize an entire course which could be handled through this technique, and I, for one, am not clear as to whether part of a course could be programmed and other parts covered by different methods. If this is considered feasible then, clearly, we could give it a try. In all honesty, however, I must admit to continued skepticism concerning its being worth the apparent high cost.

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2. A vote of thanks is due from SIC and [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and his camera crew. They not only interrupted a busy schedule to film [REDACTED] lecture, but pitched in early that morning and helped [REDACTED] re-arrange furniture in 1A-07 -- a function which is not -- I believe -- included in their job descriptions. The maintenance crew at Headquarters had put only 60 chairs in place -- we had asked for 120. Consequently, there were a few hectic moments of trying to make the room reasonably presentable.

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3. I met with [REDACTED] once again last Thursday. I was pleasantly surprised to observe that he had done his homework rather conscientiously -- had read and digested all the material which we had fed to him --

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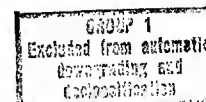
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and had come up with a few more quite legitimate questions. We will provide answers to those and, hopefully, that will conclude the matter.

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4. [REDACTED] and I participated again last week in the DIS Advanced Intelligence course. This involved a lecture presentation by each, and concluded with a "symposium" involving both of us. It was extremely helpful to have a State Department officer in the class -- particularly one who is intimately involved in Soviet affairs. As usual, there were numerous policy questions and we were able either to lob them in his direction or look to him for back-up to our own answers.

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5. [REDACTED] attended a National War College lecture by Thomas Wolfe on "Soviet Military Strategy." Wolfe, who is on the Rand Staff, has published extensively on this subject and we were curious to see whether a confidential lecture at the War College would provide insights beyond his published materials. [REDACTED] found nothing really new, but felt that it was a useful review of differences within the Soviet military hierarchy over questions of Soviet national military strategy. He was also impressed by Wolfe's clear knowledge of the entire Soviet system and the relations of the military with other components of the system.

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6. Our old friend and mentor [REDACTED] will be participating in the CPO&O/ACO course on Wednesday morning. He is always most cooperative when we ask him to speak.

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7. [REDACTED] retirement will be effective on 30 November. I have interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as possible replacements and have indicated to the Personnel Office a preference for [REDACTED]

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8. SIC extends its deepest and most sincere apologies to Miss [REDACTED] for an unforgivable error which appeared in our last weekly. We attributed a recommendation of some New Yorker articles on Soviet culture to the DDTR. The credit was due [REDACTED] Mea Culpa.

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9. External Presentations:

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[REDACTED] FSI-NIS - 1 November
"Goals, Organization and Strategy in the Underdeveloped World"

DIS-Advanced Intelligence Course - 4 November
"Status of Communist Movement Today" and
5 November - "Symposium on Communism" With [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DIS-Advanced Intelligence Course - 5 November
"Current Problems of Communist Parties"

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